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# Half Moon, Ephemeral and Eternal

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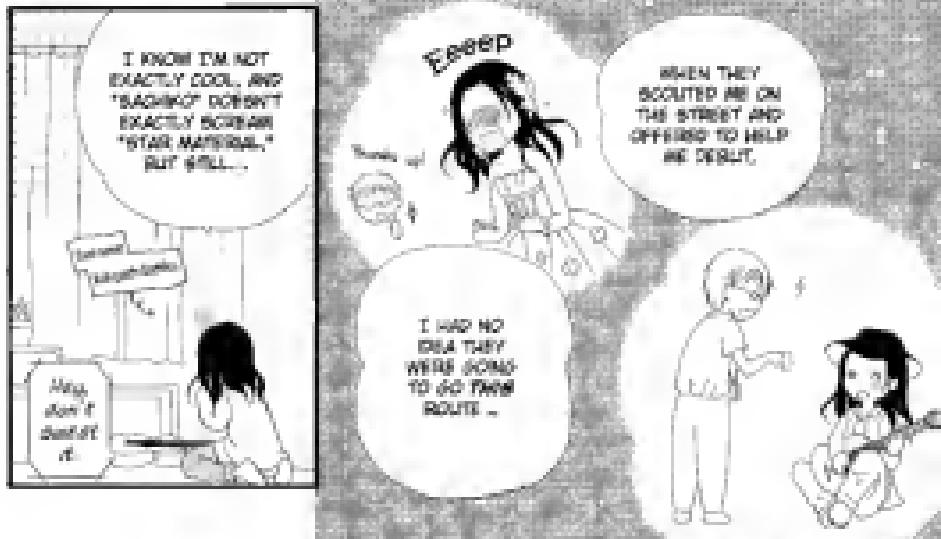
How  
I'm finally  
making my  
debut as a  
singer.

It's been  
two and a  
half years  
since I  
moved to  
Tokyo.

...you're  
an up-and-coming  
singer!"

But...

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Half of it  
is Mizuki,  
and the  
other half  
is me.

Together,  
we shine  
full and  
bright.

but I  
still have  
about  
you so  
far this

me,  
too.

I KNOW WE'RE  
MILES APART  
NOW...

ESPECIALLY  
WHEN WE'RE  
LOOKING  
UP AT THE  
SAME  
MOON...

WE NEED TO  
GENERATE A  
LOT OF BUZZ  
ABOUT YOU.

YOU WON'T  
HAVE MUCH  
FREE TIME  
THIS MONTH.

YEST

FIRST A  
MANAGEMENT  
INTERVIEW; THEN A COM-  
MERCIAL...

THAT'S  
A WHOLE  
BUNCH OF WORK,  
EVERYTHING.

IT ALL  
COMES DOWN  
TO EXPOSURE.  
WE NEED  
TO GET YOUR  
NAME ON  
EVERYONE'S  
LIPS.

LET'S DO IT

I KNOW IT'S A  
GOOD THING TO  
GET MY NAME  
OUT THERE...

BUT THIS IS  
A FASHION  
MAGAZINE,  
NOT A MUSIC  
MAGAZINE...

FOR  
REALY?  
NO WAY!

Oh!

WE  
ADMIRE  
YOU!

YOU'RE  
CUTE AND  
STYLISH!

SO, YOU GO  
FOR A MORE  
NATURAL LOOK  
IN YOUR  
DAY-TO-DAY  
LIFE, HUH?

HE... YOU  
KNOW WHO  
I AM? I'M  
FLATTERED!

OF COURSE  
WE DO!

AND  
DO YOU  
HEAR YOUR  
MOTHER  
SAYING  
THAT?

WELL, IT ALL  
COMES DOWN TO  
WHAT SELLS.

Nobody  
cares  
about my  
singing.

I KNOW  
THIS IS HARD  
ON YOU, BUT  
WE NEED TO  
FOCUS ON  
YOUR  
LOOKS FOR  
NOW.

PEOPLE  
WON'T EVEN  
KNOW  
YOUR NAME IF  
WE AREN'T  
PROMOTING  
YOU LIKE  
THIS.

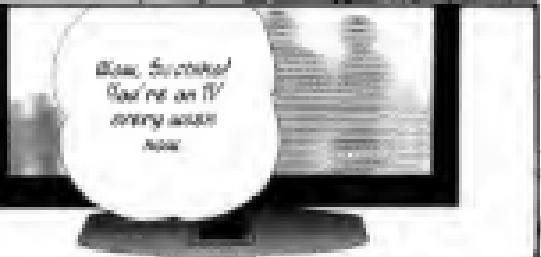
I  
KNOW.

OH!

SO CAN I  
GO BACK  
WITH THIS?



She's right!  
This is my  
chance.



OH, SORRY. I  
HAVE TO GO  
NOW. MUSICAL  
BYE!

THEY'RE  
HAVING A  
GIG-TO-  
GETHER TO  
CELEBRATE,  
AND THEY  
WANT US TO  
COME!

YUP.  
I'M GETTING  
MORE SINGING  
JOBS, TOO.

Our  
classmates  
are just  
too diff-  
erent...

I WOULD'VE  
TO TALK TO HER  
ABOUT THESE  
SOMETHING...

HMM

AND WE NEVER  
GET TO SEE EACH  
OTHER ANYMORE,  
SINCE I MOVED  
TO THE CITY...

I'VE  
ONLY EVER  
DATED ONE  
PERSON.

JUST HOW  
EXPERIENCED  
ARE YOU  
NOW?... IN THE  
BEDROOM.

SO,  
THAT...

**pfft**

And it's long-  
distance?

What?  
Only  
ours?

NOW  
IT'S GETTING  
INTERESTING!

Oh,

But I love Mizuki.

Why would I date  
anyone else?

YOU  
SHOULD GET  
SOME MORE  
EXPERIENCE,  
THOUGH.

YOU SHOULDN'T  
LIMIT YOURSELF  
LIKE THAT.  
THERE'S PLENTY  
OF FISH IN THE  
SEA!

ONCE YOU  
KNOW WHO'S  
OUT THERE, THEN  
YOU CAN CHOOSE  
ONE PERSON TO  
SETTLE DOWN  
WITH.

OH, WELL -  
I'M IN LOVE,  
SO...

Hmmmmmm... mm...mmmm...

Hm... hm.

IT'S FOR  
EACH  
PERSON'S OWN  
RIGHT.

WELL, WHEN  
IT COMES TO  
MATTERS OF  
THE HEART,

WELL...  
MUST BE  
ASLEEP BY  
NOW...

But...



Finally!

YOU'RE SELLING BETTER, AND YOUR FUN CLUB HAS GROWN.

I HAD TO CALL AGAIN AND TELL HER THAT GOOD NEWS!

her reply was waiting for me.

When I got out of the meeting,

COMING!

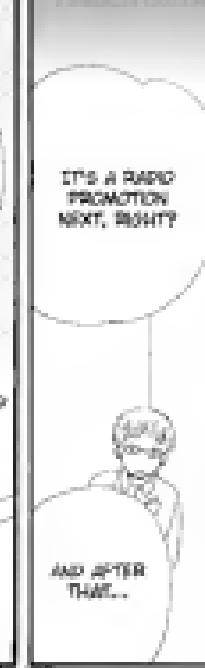
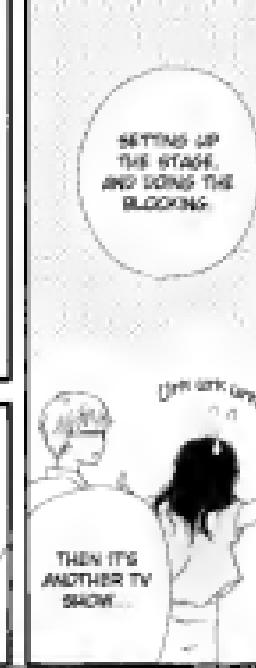
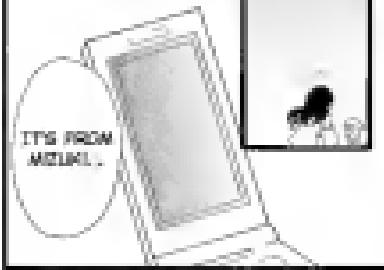
HURRY

MYSELF SAYS I'M WORKING ON SOMETHING, SO SHE'S GOING TO SEND HER A MESSAGE INSTEAD.

YOU'D BETTER HURRY!

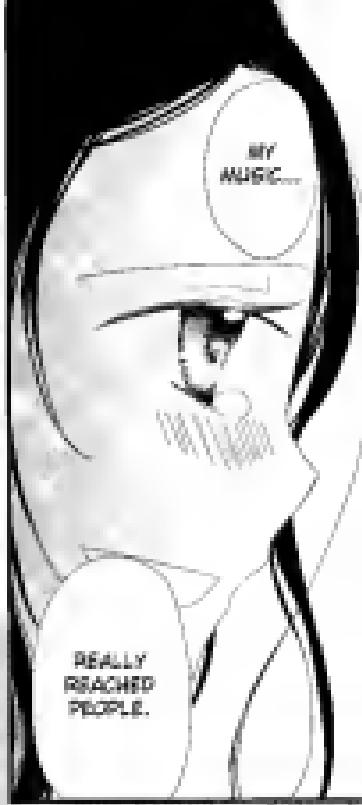
My days were a whirlwind after that...

COME ON! WE HAVE A MEETING TO GET TO!





A whole arena  
full of people...



OOOOH...







I have  
a boy-  
friend  
now.





Wow  
Tell us all  
about it!

You're a  
dyke?

I HEARD  
SOMETHING  
ABOUT  
YOU...

IS IT TRUE  
YOU HAVE A  
GIRLFRIEND?

Whoa,  
what??

YEAH,  
I CAN'T  
PICTURE  
IT!

HOW DO  
YOU DO  
IT WITH A  
GIRL?

WHICH  
ONE OF  
YOU IS  
THE  
GIRL?

Was it  
stupid of me  
to give all my  
love to just  
one person?

A matter of  
convincing?  
Something people  
quit so soon  
as things get  
tough?

Is that all a  
relationship  
is, then?

OH...

IT WAS PRETTY GREAT,  
THOUGH.

WHAT CAN I SAY?  
WE WERE YOUNG,  
SO...

Pretending like  
it doesn't hurt...

Like she meant  
nothing to me...

BUT I CAN  
SEE THE  
APPAL, YOU  
KNOW?

NOW,  
YOU'RE  
THE REAL  
THUGHT.

REALLY? I  
DON'T THINK I  
COULD DO IT,  
THOUGH

CAUSE YOU'D  
JUST GIVE  
EACH OTHER IN  
A WAY A GUY  
WOULDN'T.

IT'S  
GOTTEN  
LATE...

laughing  
it off

Am I going  
to keep



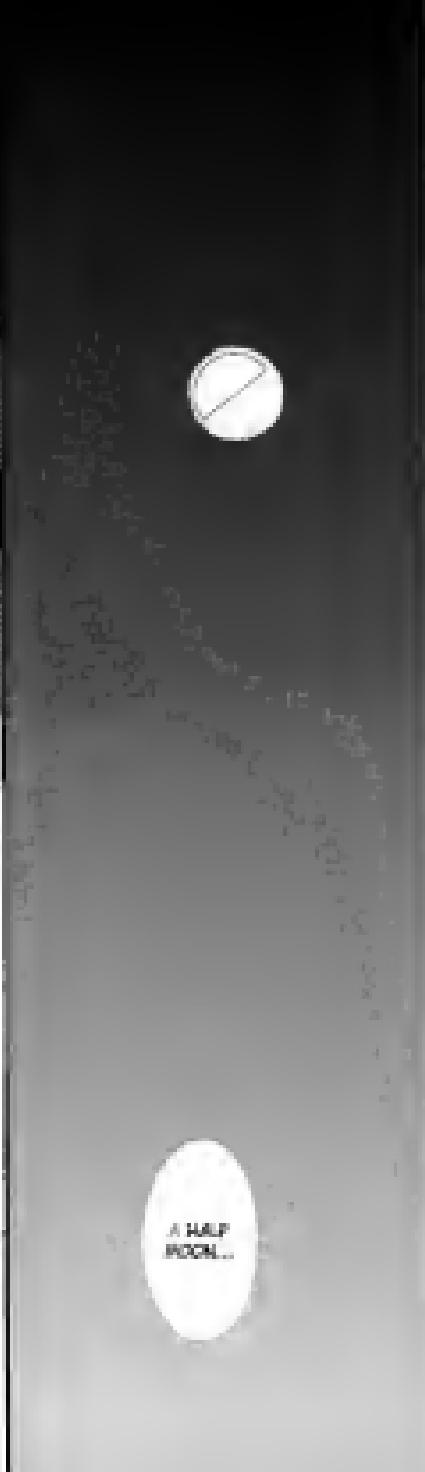


The other  
half was  
Mizuki...



so it's  
gone  
now.

THE  
HALF  
THAT'S  
LEFT



A HALF  
MOON...



With all the  
worry and  
pain I went  
through,

It took  
all I had  
just to  
keep  
going.

I wasn't cool.  
In fact, I was  
a total dork.

And I resented  
the faithlessness  
and falsehood  
of the entire  
adult world.

IS ME...

I used to love  
Mizuki like she  
was the other  
half of myself.

But then...  
I gave myself  
over to that  
world. I let it  
control me.



Now I can't go  
back to the days  
when I truly  
loved Mizuki.

THIS  
HALF  
MOON

Not  
any-  
more.



IS SO  
BRIGHT...



Please, stop  
shining on me.

Please...

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equi blue ether

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